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Applicant: Takashi SHIKAMA et al.	Art Unit: 2832
Serial No.: 10/076,394	Examiner: T. T. Nguyen
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Title: BEAD INDUCTOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of three (3) references cited in the enclosed examination report issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Japanese examination report from the corresponding Japanese Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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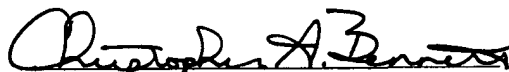
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application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of this statement, and that this is the first citation of these prior art references by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filing of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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